(d) the reasons for delay in realising these investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 30 (Thirty).

(b) These approvals approximate to Rs. 2387.44 crores of foreign direct investment.

(c) and (d) The gestation period of an industrial project varies from industry to industry and project to project. The entrepreneur has to take several effective steps for implementing the project before foreign investment materialises as per the foreign investment approval. These approvals have been given recently and it is too early to assess the actual inflow of foreign investment from these approvals.

Investment by British Industrialists

4708. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a lukewarm response from the British industrialists for investments in joint ventures according to the Confederations of Indian Industries team;

(b) whether Government took initiative to attract the British industrialists to invest in various projects in India; and

(c) if so, what is the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Confederation of Indian Industry team comprising some Chief Executives of Industries had gone on a mission to UK from 6—9 July, 1992. CII has reported that their mission attracted positive response from British Industry with regard to investment in India and also in terms of their interest in the economic reforms in India.

(b) and (c) Various policy initiatives detailed in the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled on 24th July, 1991 are aimed at generally attracting foreign investment. Companies from various countries, including U.K., have shown their interest in investing in India. The total direct foreign investment in India proposed by U.K. companies in the foreign collaboration approvals issued by the Government during the period 1990 to 1992 has been as under:—

Year	Total foreign investment (Rs. in crores)
1990	9·06
1991	32·10
1992 (Upto July)	81·08

Exports by M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited

4709. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any commitment was made by M|s. Hindustan Lever Limited, including various other units functioning under its regarding exports and also bringing in foreign investment during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited have failed to achieve the targets;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the company and various units under it to fulfil the commitments made by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) No industrial licence/DGTD registration with export obligation condition has been issued to M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited during the last three years. However, a letter of intent dated 23-1-1991 for the manufacture of Natural Organic Acits has been issued with export obligation condition to M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited. In terms of the current licensing policy, the project covered by this letter of intent is in the de-licensed sector. The company is yet to report commercial production in respect of this unit. The company has offered voluntarily to export the entire production of Marine Products covered by a DGTD Registration dated 24-7-1990 and intimated that commercial production in this unit has commenced recently.

Export Oriented Units set up by the company in Export Processing Zones etc. are monitored by the concerned Development Commissioners under the Ministry of Commerce.

No fresh foreign investment was involved in any of the projects for which industrial licences/DGTD Registrations were granted during the last three years.

Industrial sickness in Andhra Pradesh

4710. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial sickness is highest in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the high rate of industrial sickness, particularly in the small scale sector;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal to revive sick units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. As per the latest available data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India as on 30-9-1990, the State of Andhra Pradesh ranked fifth in the number of sick units in non-small scale sector and third in the number of sick units in the small scale sector.

(b) A number of causes, both internal and external, are responsible for industrial sickness. In the small scale sector, the main causes of sickness are inadequate of working capital, shortage of raw material, management deficiencies, obsolescence of technology, etc.

(c) No over-all proposal for revival of sick units has been submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to the Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Small diesel car

4711. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express dated 1st August, 1992 captioned 'Small Diesel Car Proposed';

(b) what are the details of the proposed car including its price; and

(c) what is the status of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no such proposal with the Government.